

48. A method for driving an image forming apparatus comprising an image forming member which forms an image and pulse-width modulation means for generating a pulse-width modulation signal in accordance with an image signal, said method comprising the step of:

generating the pulse-width modulation signal by counting pulses of a first clock signal in accordance with the image signal, wherein the first clock signal is generated by reading output pattern data from storage means which stores the output pattern data of the first clock signal, and the reading the output pattern data from the storage means is performed by outputting data corresponding to the pattern data from a plurality of flip-flops connected in series, the flip-flops latching the pattern data of the first clock signal.---

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REMARKS

Claims 35-48 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 35, and 46-48 being independent.

Claims 35-48 are newly presented herein, and Claims 1-34 have been canceled without prejudice. The Specification

and Abstract have been amended in an editorial manner. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

By separate paper, Applicant requests permission to amend Figures 20A and 20B in an editorial fashion. Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicant requests favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance in the present application.

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